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Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule? I agree with the proposal and think that it is important to be able to adjust predator tag numbers each year when elk and deer species are below objective instead of have to issue an emergency declaration. Good work on this bill.

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Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit? These bison cause lots of problems for many different stake holders. This is great outside thinking that could help solve problems and also give opportunity for hunters that wait lots of years to draw permits.

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Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations? I support the majority of the recommendations. I don't think any of us estimated the lost we would have over last winter. We had the perfect storm of the worst drought year in many decades followed by a well above average winter. This combo took out alot of deer. It was amazing to see how many fawns and even adult deer were dead under Juniper trees last spring when shed hunting. It was even more evident last fall during the hunts. We did not see the buck numbers that we have been seeing in years pass in Wasatch East. It was tough to find anything with antlers. So I am definitely on board with the general season decrease in tag numbers. I am disappointed in the fact that the Wasatch East unit saw no change in tag numbers. The DWR even mentions that Northeast Utah was one of the hardest hit with snow last winter. I couldn't believe how much snow was in the winter range areas that are usually loaded with wildlife. The die off was significant. Every other Juniper tree in rabbit gulch had dead deer under them. And then to go on the hunts from August through November and see very little deer was discouraging. I disagree that the Wasatch East unit buck tags should stay the same. There is no way they are still sitting at the same buck to doe ratio as they have been the last few years. I think 19 bucks per 100 does is inaccurate. I spend a lot of time on this unit and would like to see a decrease in tags on this unit as well as all the others listed. The whole state took a big hit the with two hard winters and a drought summer in between. I think all units should see a decrease in tag numbers. We need to let the deer recover.

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Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?

It is good to see tag reductions in areas that have been hit hard by hunting, drought, and winter kill. The only negative that I have with the recommendations is the seasons. The DWR always talks about protecting animals in their winter range and not harassing them during the toughest time of the year, yet we allow these cow hunters to chase them and hunt them in the snow until the end of January? Why is this? I wish we could get a good answer. These poor does and cows are chased from August to February and don't stand a chance. If we want to get the deer and elk herds up to objective then we should look at cutting these tags and not stressing the females that are carrying our new recruitment during the hardest part of the year. Just my thoughts.

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Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?

There needs to be a more hands on unit by unit year by year approach to all the rules and laws put in to place. It needs to be re evaluated on a regular basis and liquid enough to where changes can be made easily as need be.

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Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?

I think the overall population of bison is no where near it could be overall and the bison expanding there territory is a great thing and they should be left alone. I am also curious what the tribal people think about this proposal? Have they had any opinions on the bison hunt?

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Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?

Lowering the number of deer tags is a great start to managing the deer herds. There needs to be more action taken on a year to year basis. The animals need to come first. There needs to be a more detailed plan on the individual units themselves. On a northern unit that experiences a heavy winter one year action should be taken to lower tags on those units that experience sudden changes. More specific management plans and more regular evaluations need to take place. On heavy winters tags need to be cut. If huge fires wipe out winter range or habitat and it effects population there needs to be a way to adjust tag numbers to compensate for such things. I would like to see a 3 point or better for people over 18 in some areas to help quality as well. The moose on the wasatch unit needs to be looked at and addressed as well if the population is struggling there needs to be a drastic cut in tags or maybe even suspend the hunt until numbers and quality come back. We need to try and get the elk herd back to how it was in the late 2000s and early 2010s with quantity and quality. The health and well being of wildlife should come first

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Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?

As long as this is not a blanket proposal and each unit gets broken down into the specific needs of that unit. The wasatch East unit is not the same as the southwest desert or even the bookcliffs so it needs to be managed differently and for the needs of the wildlife on that unit. Wildlife should come first

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Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37?

I would love to see more cwmu manage deer for trophy deer in General season units and create more opportunities for mature bucks

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Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit? Lets work on cutting the number of wild horses on nine mile and increasing the bison heard , elk and deer.

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Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations? I think that as stewards to our wildlife life we need to give are big game a chance to reach their maximum maturity on any limited entry unit. What is happening with the Tabby Mountain school trust property the governor was trying to purchase the property so it would not be purchased buy a private investors ?

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Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations? The Dwr made a big mistake I the last 5 years give out cow elk tags like free hot dogs at RC Willy . We should not be hunting our big game from Aug through the first of Feb our hunting season needs to be shortened Aug through maybe the middle of Dec. increase the amount we charge for antler less tags. Cow elk tags on CWMU sell anywhere from \$500 to \$12006

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Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37? Most but not all CWMU probably manage big game on their property better then our State . It has become a supplemental income for some .

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Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations? The cut back on the bookcliffs is a great idea.
I also think limiting the spike hunters on the unit would help a lot . It's easy access out there so a lot more get killed than the average of all the units combined.
Mabey not have that unit open every other year or make it so only residents of the county can hunt spikes in that country for all the spike units.

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Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations? I think the antlerless elk permits on the bookcliffs is a mistake. I think this just a way to get that objective dropped . Most people shoot younger elk on antlerless tag will kill more elk that cold have possibly had a calf.
If the land can't handle the all the elk horses need removed. I feel we are giving up more range for horses by the day rather than holding the owner's responsible several have a 5-x or 90 brand on them.
Several dollars have been spent to get this under control with not much for results. The tribe has gathered hundreds for a fraction of the cost .
Also mabey the Buffalo should go mabey they weren't such a great idea after all where bouth deer and elk hearsds have declined since putting them on the unit.
Anyway I think we should work toward the 7500 objective not take away from what's established.
Basically I feal the dwr is caving to other ainamals
That shouldn't be their at the elks expense

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To: Members of the Regional Advisory Counsel's

Utah Wild Sheep Foundation has reviewed, on a unit by unit basis, the DWR recommendations for Bighorn Sheep ("BHS") permits for the 2020 season. As an organization, we are excited about the overall increase in permit numbers and believe it reflects the hard work and commitment made to BHS recovery by the DWR and related sportsmen/conservation groups. We also understand and support the need to reduce permit numbers on certain units, as necessary, in order to maintain age objectives, overall population health and quality hunting experiences for these much sought after hunting permits.

We would like to express our concern in regards to several units in the state that we consider "recovering" populations. These populations of both Desert and California Bighorn have all suffered catastrophic disease events, which resulted in substantial declines in overall population and resultant permit numbers. The limited hunting opportunities that remain have been very difficult, at best, with substantial financial and time commitments required, in very difficult terrain, to have a reasonable opportunity for harvest. As these populations recover, we feel it is appropriate to have a more conservative approach in respect to increased permit numbers, in order to ensure continued population recovery and quality hunting opportunities.

- San Juan subunits-last year there were 3 permits issued with 1 successfully filled. There are 5 permits being recommended for 2020.
- Dirty Devil-last year there were 2 permits issued and there are 6 permits being recommended for 2020. Although both hunters were successful in 2019, they hunted with extremely knowledgeable guides and spent considerable time afield. There has also been a consistent decrease in the age class of rams harvested on this unit, over the past 4 years.
- Stansbury Mtns-last year there were 3 permits issued and there are 5 permits being recommended for 2020. This unit is well under population objective and has been supplemented by transplant for the last 3 years.

Additionally, as one of the organizations that participated in updating the Statewide BHS management plan in 2018, we believe the permit recommendations were set as more of a guideline rather than hard numbers and want to reiterate our support for giving the DWR flexibility in determining appropriate permit numbers.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the DWR and its personnel for their continued commitment to BHS management and recovery throughout the State of Utah.

Respectfully, Utah WSF

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Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit? I believe the division is getting pretty greedy on this subject with thousands and thousands of Utah residents and non-residents who have multiple points and some spending their whole life time obtaining points for the chance to harvest a bison I believe the division is being greedy and taking all these guys money and not giving the opportunity where is fair to the people that I've been waiting their entire life to hunt bison let alone make an over-the-counter hunt I believe the division just sees dollar signs spinning in their eyes On that thought I believe the division is being mighty greedy and unfair to those that have put in many years of their lives dedicating their lives to this unfair system the division has created

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As I have stated in many racks Mr. Colby Jones got on our local radio last fall before the rifle deer hunt general season and was boasting that this was the best deer hunt in 20 years well that was proved a failure it was by far one of the worst deer general season hunts I have seen in my entire life long residency of 30 years are deer herd is in piss poor shape here on the south slope and I believe the division is being greedy and not decreasing the tags many more than needed That being stated it does not just go for the deer herd hunting here in Utah is by far in worse shape than it is been for many many years now our elk herd is in damn piss poor shape they are not harvesting the quality of bull that we have seen in the past or opportunity for trophy big bulls in the state of Utah has went down the shitter Our limited entry deer hunts are in piss poor shape the division has done extreme damage to the book Cliffs and year after year does nothing to help improve they just keep pounding it and pounding it and pounding it people wonder why there's no deer left out there during the rut it ain't that hard to figure out the only bucks left to rut are junk bucks that nobody would shoot during the seasons the seasons are getting ridiculous they hunt them from the first August to the end of February they never give these animals a rest something needs to be done and it should've been done years ago Continuous and overlap Tonce or watch destroying our herds here in Utah the division their self is destroying the herds it's not CWD it's not the bad winters it's your own selves are destroying these hunts Just when you think they cannot add any more hunts the next year they find away and add more hunts we got ham hunts we got late muzzleloader hunt we got hunts on top of hunts on top of hunts how much harder can you hunt them you have hunted them to extinction!!!!!!

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Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?

With our deer herds in very pissed poor shape I believe the adding 100 two doe permits to the south slope unit is a very foolish and greedy thing to do the division knows that our deer herd is an extremely rough shape also our book Cliffs elk population objective is 7500 and our population estimate is 5500 that's a 2000 deficit and the division wants to issue 255 more Cow permits for elk that we do not have you tell me somebody ain't doing their freaking math right let's go back to preschool and do some math we got a 2000 head deficit and we are adding elk cow elk permits for elk we do not have let's be real here the book cliff herd for trophy bulls is in serious trouble !!!!!!!

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Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?

I do not favor what is happening with predator management. We are already seeing the director allowing changes in permit numbers not consistent with management needs. In reviewing data from deer studies going on currently, we are not seeing a high loss of fawns or adult does. This is recent data obtained from the study being conducted by BYU. The study does not support the killing of more cougars, but the director is caving to special interests and increasing tags on many units. The passage of the Albrecht bill allows for the director to increase permits WHEN cougars or bears ARE proven to be a detriment to herds, but the current data from BYU is not supporting the increases on the amount of units we are seeing increases imposed. The BYU information is available at <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1UHbOGJN3mmxGjxy7kstQ1FJ3gRAi26kW>

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Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for managing predatory wildlife species?

The biology of management is being removed with this effort. This is a knee jerk reaction to cater to some special interests at the expense of sound biology in predator management. Same as above.

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Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?

Time will tell whether this is going to reduce or solve the problems with bison on private ground causing damage to resources. Hopefully the landowners will see some benefits, but the introduction of bison on the Bookcliffs is proving to be a questionable decision

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Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?

The Bookcliffs spike elk hunt needs to end. As a hunter of the Bookcliffs and an outfitter who lives in Green River Utah I have years of experience and observations there., I spend all year and especially each fall on the unit and have done so for the past 30 years, I strongly disagree with the spike hunt. The reduction of mature bulls is alarming. The elk herd is not at objective and allowing some more mature bulls to be on the units does not compromise the forage available. We are harvesting more spike elk than can be sustained to keep a healthy mature bull herd. The reduction each year of mature bull hunting to allow for spike elk hunting is not an opportunity improvement for a hunter who chooses to hunt a mature bull on a unit such as the roadless Bookcliffs who many dream of the backcountry hunt. Spike elk hunts should be on units at herd objective and not on units that are under overall population objectives. The Bookcliffs is the area Utah is struggling to manage a healthy elk herd and continuing the spike hunt is compromising the unit. The argument that the spike hunt is an opportunity for families to get together to hunt is not what I see on the spike elk hunt. It is much more made up of adults males and not wives and kids, especially the roadless portion.

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I oppose the proposal

Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?

I oppose the high number of cow elk tags on the Bookcliffs. I understand the DWR is attempting to gather teeth samples on cow elk harvested to gain information on the two Bookcliff units, but the cow elk tags, especially the Littlecreek roadless portion is way to many for the amount of cow elk on the unit. I would ask the cow tags be cut in half, still allowing data to be collected, but in a much more rational way. The elk herd is struggling and increasing cow harvest is not going to help the unit recover.

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